

InFocus

**Goodyear Fire
Department is
all fired up!**

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State of the City

Goodyear residents are cordially invited to attend the city's first State of the City Address.

During this free event, Mayor Georgia Lord will give an update on city finances, projects, and future plans. Representatives from various departments also will be on hand to answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, October 20 at 6 p.m.

Desert Edge High School Performing Arts Center
15778 W. Yuma Rd.

Registration is recommended due to limited seating.
Visit www.goodyearaz.gov/about-us/state-of-the-city



GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

- September 14, 5 p.m. - Work Session
6 p.m. - Council Meeting
- September 21, 5 p.m. - Work Session
- September 28, 6 p.m. - Council Meeting
- October 5, 6 p.m. - Council Meeting
- October 19, 5 p.m. - Work Session
- October 26, 6 p.m. - Council Meeting
- November 2, 5 p.m. - Work Session



GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL
Top row (left to right): Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Sheri Lauritano, Joanne Osborne, and Bill Stipp. Bottom row (left to right): Wally Campbell, Mayor Georgia Lord, and Sharolyn Hohman.

Council meetings and work sessions are held at Goodyear Justice Center, Goodyear Municipal Complex, 14455 W. Van Buren St., B101. Visit www.goodyearaz.gov for meeting schedules and to watch City Council meetings.

NOTICE PUBLIC COMMENT ON WATER RATES

City of Goodyear water and sewer customers - primarily residents and businesses located south of Interstate 10 - have an opportunity to comment on the proposed utility rate changes.

E-mail utilityratestudy@goodyearaz.gov by October 20, 2015.

City Council will hold a public hearing and vote on it October 26. If approved, rates will take effect January 1, 2016.

To read an executive summary of the Water Committee's Recommendations Report, and other pertinent information, please visit www.goodyearaz.gov/watercommittee.

CORRECTION: In the August issue of InFocus magazine, six new members of the city's Youth Commission were recognized, including Jonathan Sangillo who was identified incorrectly. We apologize for this error.

From the Mayor

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES US PROUD



Mayor Georgia Lord

The city of Goodyear has always provided a high level of customer service to its residents, with a priority of keeping them safe and responding to emergencies in a timely manner. The hard work and dedication of our Fire Department is a particular point of pride for me, as they often put their own lives on the line while saving the lives of others.

Under the leadership of Chief Paul Luizzi, our Fire Department provides a remarkable level of service which has resulted in many department members receiving various awards and recognition. Most recently, during the June 22 City Council meeting, Goodyear resident Alicia Moreno commended the Department for saving her life a year ago.

Ms. Moreno had a heart attack and technically died. Responding to the emergency call, paramedics revived her three times on the way to the hospital and stabilized her. She returned to the Council meeting to thank the Goodyear Fire Department for their life support assistance and acknowledge the City Council for their dedication to public safety.

Responding to 8,866 calls in 2014, and 5,229 calls through the first half of this year, our Fire Department remains busy. When they are not on duty, our paramedics and EMTs spend time training on current and newly emerging emergency medical procedures to remain current with best practices in patient care.

In addition to the life-saving services they provide, our Fire Department is continually looking for new ways to engage the community. This year, we held an inaugural camp for high school girls who are interested in the fire service. The camp gave girls the opportunity to train in firefighting and emergency operations techniques, earn their CPR certification, and seek advice from women currently in the firefighting and emergency service profession.

In the following pages, you will read more about the great work that our Fire Department is doing, and I know that you will share in my appreciation for their service and dedication to our city.



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Council Corner

In recent months, you've likely observed media coverage of the tremendous woes faced by municipalities across the state, and nation, associated with the unfunded liabilities of their public pension plans. From "pension spiking" to funds mismanagement, cities in dire straits have been faced with cuts to services and/or tax increases to address this insolvency.

As the chairman of the city of Goodyear's Police and Fire Retirement Boards, I want to assure you that your city's public safety retirement plans are well-positioned, with funding levels kept at, or very close to, their targets. While all public safety pension plans have some level of unfunded liability, Goodyear's is relatively small, particularly compared to other communities in Arizona.



Council Member Bill Stipp

Though our local boards do not control investments, we have taken other responsible and strategic action to reduce the unfunded liabilities of these plans. For example, the city of Goodyear's plans do not allow for "spiking," and the boards recently considered and approved prepayment of the annual public safety pension costs for the year to take advantage of a higher earnings rate, thus lowering the outstanding obligation. Actions like these, coupled with our status as a relatively young community, make our public safety pension plans especially healthy and well-controlled.

Get Involved in Your Community!

Apply to be a city of Goodyear board, commission, or committee member and provide input to the mayor, City Council, and city management on a variety of issues.

To serve, an applicant must be a Goodyear resident for at least one year, registered voter, and at least 18 years old (except for Youth Commission). Applications are kept on file for one year.

- Open positions:
- Fire/Building/Code Enforcement Appeals Board: Mechanical/Plumbing
 - Public Safety Retirement Board
 - Board of Adjustment

For more information and to apply, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/boardsrecruit or call 623-882-7830.



Goodyear is Fired Up!

MEET GOODYEAR FIRE DEPARTMENT'S MANAGEMENT TEAM

When the city of Goodyear hired Tim Wayne as its deputy chief in April – it rounded out the Fire Department's management team.

Chief Paul Luizzi, who hails from Massachusetts, recently marked his second year in the top post with the Goodyear Fire Department. He is leading the 84 sworn members into working together as a team to maintain a high level of customer service.

In 2013, Deputy Chief Tom Cole joined Goodyear after working for Glendale for 20 years. Together, the trio – with nearly 75 years of firefighting experience between them – is working together to prepare their team of firefighters to become future leaders of the department. With its mix of youth and experience, the culture and camaraderie of the Goodyear Fire Department is best described as one of “home”.



Left to right: Deputy Chief Tim Wayne, Chief Paul Luizzi, Deputy Chief Tom Cole

More about the Chiefs

Chief Paul Luizzi:

Working in EMS and Fire departments since 1988. Since joining Goodyear in 2007, he has worked his way up through the ranks. He first served as a battalion chief of EMS and later C Shift commander, deputy chief of operations, deputy fire chief, interim fire chief (from 2009 to 2011), and interim deputy city manager (2011 -2012).

Deputy Chief Tom Cole:

Firefighting since 1994, formerly worked for Glendale Fire Department for 20 years before coming to Goodyear.

Deputy Chief Tim Wayne:

Firefighting since 1989. Started at the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field as a firefighter and paramedic in 1988. Also worked for Glendale Fire Department from 1999 to early 2015.

Q & A

What attracted you to the city of Goodyear?

Chief Luizzi (who first was the department's EMS Battalion Chief and worked his way through the ranks): “At first, it was the job. When I got here, it was the culture. We have high-quality, high-caliber employees. We want communications to flow easily from top to bottom.”

What duties or responsibilities do you have with Goodyear Fire?

Deputy Chief Cole: Personnel Chief, oversees fire operations, emergency medical services (units that respond to 911 calls), review post-incident analysis reports.

Deputy Chief Wayne: Oversees training, support services, resources management (making sure trucks and fleet are maintained) and half of health and safety division.

What are your goals for the department over the next two years?

Deputy Chief Cole: “It's important we build experience in the department and redundancy and focus on being a well-rounded department. We're also looking to achieve faster response times within safety guidelines.”

Deputy Chief Wayne: “It's important for me to oversee the training and get the recruits through their trial periods. We're also required to complete two regional exercises, one for Haz-Mat operations and special operations (that includes Haz-Mat and tactical response) to remain prepared for emergencies on a state-wide or regional level.”

Chief Luizzi: “We want to continue building an organized and collaborative department to maintain our high level of customer service. Through training and development opportunities for our employees, we hope to build the experience necessary to create a future management team. It's important to continue focusing on building the senior leadership roles for the future and work hard on improving the items we can influence.”

RESPONSE TIME

The average response time per call is 5 minutes and 3 seconds, a time known as from brake to brake – when the truck leaves the station until the time it arrives on the scene. And the team is looking for those times to get faster while maintaining the safety guidelines.



ACCREDITATION

The Goodyear Fire Department currently is working to achieve accreditation, an industry standard established by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). The organization gives fire departments an opportunity to achieve standards within all categories of its operations.

GOODYEAR FIRE LEADS THE WAY IN PAPERLESS PATIENT CARE REPORTING

Gone to the wayside are the days of using pen and paper to document patient encounters and reports during medical emergencies. Instead, the Goodyear Fire Department has taken big steps toward upgrading its system with the use of a newer, faster, and more efficient patient-care reporting system.

“This technology is a significant improvement to our quality of care, and saving seconds or even minutes can help save lives,” Goodyear Fire Chief Paul Luizzi said. “All of the information that used to be written by hand on a chart is entered by touch screen or stylus into an iPad tablet which immediately transmits the information to the receiving hospital before the ambulance arrives with the patient.”



Last fall, Goodyear Fire launched a new Electronic Patient Care Reporting System (ePCR) named Zoi – made possible through a \$51,880 grant from the Gila River Indian Community – becoming the first Valley city to use it throughout an entire department. Now, other Valley fire departments are using the Zoi ePCR system for patient care reporting after seeing the effectiveness of Goodyear's system. Fire departments using the Zoi

ePCR system are saving as much as 25 minutes per call of employee time, getting crews back in service faster.

Since Goodyear implemented the use of the ePCRs in September, it has digitally recorded the situations and care of 4,300 patients.

“We can build specific reports to look for and identify trends within our city, such as frequent patients, frequent addresses, times and types of emergencies,” Capt. Steve Mann said. “With a computer-based system, the ways of researching and reviewing data helps the department become better prepared and more effectively respond to emergencies.”

“Most of all, we want to thank the Gila River Indian Community for selecting Goodyear for this award,” Luizzi said.

GIRLS FIREFIGHTING CAMP LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

In March, six local high school girls – Rachael Golbach, Jessica Payne, Gabby Salinas, Hailey Shank, Hannah Smock, and Chelsea Villa – participated at Station 181 in the camp's first year. The experience exposed them to what it's like to be a firefighter and explore the possibilities of entering the profession for a career. The city plans on offering it again next year.



GOODYEAR FIRE PALS



In partnership with Arizona Public Service (APS), the Goodyear Fire Pals presented electrical, fire, and water safety to 7,726 kindergarten through fourth grade students at 15 elementary schools. Pictured are Ben Franklown (APS' Terry Ricketts), Tanja Tanner (Goodyear's risk reduction coordinator), MoMo (Goodyear's Maureen Carney), and Ric Yancy (APS' events specialist).

LIFE SAVING AWARDS



Four Goodyear fire personnel were honored by the Saving Hearts in Arizona Registry & Education Program (S.H.A.R.E.). Pictured left to right: Firefighter/EMT Oscar Navarro, Fire Engineer/Paramedic Sharrod Kincade, Firefighter/EMT Ryan Birchett, and Captain/Paramedic Stephen Gilman, for their efforts in saving a heart attack patient at a local store.

The Best Save Award for a crew was given to Firefighter/Paramedic Orion Godfrey, Firefighter/Paramedic Damien Morrison, Firefighter/EMT Lora Davis, and Fire Engineer/EMT Rocky Piazza for their efforts during a challenging vehicle extrication where they used hand tools to manually remove portions of the damaged car to successfully remove the patient. And Firefighter/Paramedic Liam Tierney received the Best Save Award for an individual for his efforts while off-duty when he noticed a gentleman who appeared ill and he began CPR. Liam continued this life-saving measure until the arrival of an on-duty Goodyear Fire Department crew.

Goodyear is proud to recognize the courageous efforts of our firefighters. Thank you!

For more information about the department, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/fire

CERT Classes: Sign Up Now!



The city of Goodyear will be offering Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to residents. Learn how you can help during a disaster situation and what to do until first responders arrive.

Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. at Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., room 117. Classes begin September 29. The training will culminate with a mock exercise on October 22.

The classes include: Preparedness, Fire Suppression, Medical Operations I, Medical Operations II, Light Search and Rescue, Psychology and Team Organization, Terrorism, Medical Review, and Pulling It All Together (mock exercise).

Please register by September 11. For more information or to register, e-mail cert@goodyearaz.gov or call 623-882-7308.

The InnovationHub



Do you have a great idea for a business, but are not sure how to start? If so, then Goodyear has the place for you! The InnovationHub is an inspiring space where inventors, problem solvers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses can collaborate, network, expand on their ideas, and receive one-on-one mentoring. The InnovationHub is a partnership between the city of Goodyear, ASU Entrepreneurship & Innovation Group, and the Maricopa County Library District.

ASU Startup School

A series of business workshops where entrepreneurs learn how to be successful. The workshops are delivered in a sequence of continuing education modules. The ASU Startup School is facilitated by entrepreneur Aaron Bare.

Business Mentoring

If you are looking for more, The InnovationHub offers two options for free one-on-one business mentoring by partnering with local entrepreneur Marc Cato and Greater Phoenix SCORE.

To learn more about these programs, please visit www.goodyearaz.gov/innovationhub.

Back to School: Bullying Awareness

It's that time of year... kids go back to school.

But did you know there are some kids who may have anxiety about going back? According to national statistics, bullying can occur anywhere and anytime, often happening at school, on the school bus, playground, or internet. In fact, research shows that as many as one in three children are affected by bullying.

Bullying is a top underreported safety concern on school campuses, and more than any other safety issue affecting students' "sense of security." Bullying is defined as, "unwanted, repetitive aggressive behavior among school-aged children involving a real or perceived power imbalance."

Bullying takes on various forms. It may be verbal, in which a child is teased or threatened; or social bullying, which includes leaving someone out of the group, embarrassing them, or spreading rumors about them. Bullying also can be physical, which may include hitting or stealing items from that person. In addition, it may include more than one form at the same time. Whichever form(s) it takes, bullying is hurtful to the victim.

Parents and educators can take action by first being aware of some signs of bullying.

Victim Warning Signs

- Change in eating habits
- Acts out of character
- Makes excuses for not going to school
- Sleeping issues

Perpetrator Warning Signs

- Difficulty controlling anger
- Blames others
- Needs to win or be the best at everything
- Manipulative or controlling

It is important to remember that a victim of bullying may become a perpetrator at some point, perpetuating the cycle. Talk with children about bullying, share with them the dangers, and encourage them to report bullying to a trusted adult.

The Goodyear Police School Resource Officers provide anti-bullying education to 7th and 8th graders at the beginning of each school year in order to facilitate a better sense of security on school campuses.

Helpful Resources

www.bullyingstatistics.org/content/facts-on-bullying.html
www.stopbullying.gov/news/media/facts/index.html#stats



Attention Goodyear Residents!

Mid-decade census is coming to Goodyear.

This special census will obtain a basic population count of Goodyear, essential in determining the city's portion of State Shared Revenue – ensuring more of your tax dollars come back to your community.

Help us get the funding we need to maintain the '95% of residents believe Goodyear is Excellent/Good place to live' rating (2014 Goodyear Citizen Satisfaction Survey) by responding to the enumerators who will be coming to your door this October.

Visit www.goodyearaz.gov/census, e-mail census@goodyearaz.gov or call 623-882-3100

Traffic Safety Tip: Bicycle Laws

Arizona state law (ARS Title 28, Article 11) says that bicyclists must follow the same rules of the road as vehicles. This includes stopping at stop signs and red lights, and using hand signals when turning at intersections. A bicycle rider may be stopped and issued a traffic ticket just like in a car.

At night, the bicycle must be equipped with an illuminated headlamp – visible 500 feet to the front – and a rear reflector visible 300 feet to the rear.

A frequent question is whether a bicycle can be ridden on a sidewalk. The answer is yes, however, the sidewalk must also be shared with pedestrians. Another question relates to helmet usage, which is not required by law; however, it is always a good practice.



Motor vehicle drivers and bicyclists must share the road safely, so stay safe and courteous to everyone on the roadway.

Traffic-related questions can be sent to Goodyear Police Traffic Unit Sgt. Seabright at jseabright@goodyearaz.gov or call 623-882-7735.

Public Art: Take a Look!

MAYOR SELECT ART SHOW

The Mayor's Office and Goodyear Arts & Culture Commission invite Goodyear high school students to participate in Mayor Select – a visual arts scholarship program to support the creative endeavors of the city's youths. The top four artworks selected will each be awarded a \$200 scholarship, with the Best in Show receiving \$500. The four categories include: drawing, painting, photography, and 3D.



Entries will be accepted from September 1 through October 12 at the Goodyear Recreation Office, 3075 N. Litchfield Rd. Subject matter is artist's choice and up to two artworks are permitted per participant. For more information and to receive an entry form, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/mayorselectentry or contact Guylene Ozlanski at guylene.ozlanski@goodyearaz.gov or 623-882-7530.

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HOT COFFEE LECTURE SERIES

The Goodyear Arts & Culture Commission presents the "Hot Coffee" Lecture Series – an opportunity to learn and discuss topics on a variety of aspects of arts and culture. The lectures and light refreshments are free.

September 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Total Wine Classroom, 1416 N. Litchfield Rd.

Sean Buvala: Active Storytelling

Sean Buvala has been engaged with storytelling and communication since 1986. He started his work by accidentally using active storytelling to convert a classroom of 8th-grade teenagers from angry kids to storytelling practitioners themselves. From then on, both the kids and Sean were sold on the influence of a great story. An author, speaker, trainer, and performance artist, Sean describes the collection of stories in his head as "life and legend" representing the mix of stories from his experiences, myth and legend from many cultures, sacred stories, and observations of shared life events. Join Sean on a storytelling journey at the next Hot Coffee Art Lecture.

FOLLOW YOUR ART JR. ART EXHIBIT

Goodyear Branch Library through September 23

Have you checked out the Teen Section at the Goodyear Branch Library at 14455 W. Van Buren St., C101? On display is the work of teen artists who spent their summer in a portfolio-development visual art program, learning valuable skills relating to arts entrepreneurship and prepping for admittance into higher education.

Ballet Under the Stars

Ballet Arizona invites Goodyear residents to spend a relaxing evening under the Arizona sky as they continue their annual season-opening tradition.

Friday, September 25, 2015
Activities begin at 5:30 p.m.
Show begins at 7 p.m.
Estrella Lakeside
Amphitheatre
10300 S. Estrella Parkway

This is a free event.

Come early with a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy free art activities, dance demos, face painting, youth art exhibitions, and food for purchase.



For more information, visit balletaz.org

Goodyear Ballpark Events

Come one, come all to these great events at Goodyear Ballpark, 1933 S. Ballpark Way, on Estrella Parkway, just south of Yuma Road.

Events

September 18, 7 p.m. Movie Night: "Strange Magic"
October 3, 6 p.m. Relay for Life
October 10 Foam Glow 5K

Tournaments

September 4 - 7 AZ Pro Camps Tournament
September 11 - 14 Perfect Game Evoshield National Championships
September 18 - 21 Perfect Game Evoshield National Championships
September 24 - 27 AZ Pro Camps Tournament National Classic
October 1 - 17 NABA Phoenix World Series
October 3 - 4 USSSA Fall State Championships



For more information, visit www.goodyearbp.com